

(1) honors the United States Army on its 226th birthday;

(2) reflects on the great legacy the United States Army has given our Nation; and

(3) expresses pride in our Nation's soldiers' courage, dedication to duty, and selfless service to our Nation.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 49—URGING THE RETURN OF PORTRAITS PAINTED BY DINA BABBITT DURING HER INTERNMENT AT AUSCHWITZ THAT ARE NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF THE AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU STATE MUSEUM.

Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. SMITH of Oregon) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

S. CON. RES. 49

Whereas Dina Babbitt (formerly known as Dinah Gottliebowa), a United States citizen now in her late 70's, has requested the return of watercolor portraits she painted while suffering a 1½-year-long internment at the Auschwitz death camp during World War II;

Whereas Dina Babbitt was ordered to paint the portraits by the infamous war criminal Dr. Josef Mengele;

Whereas Dina Babbitt's life, and her mother's life, were spared only because she painted portraits of doomed inmates of Auschwitz-Birkenau, under orders from Dr. Josef Mengele;

Whereas these paintings are currently in the possession of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum;

Whereas Dina Babbitt is unquestionably the rightful owner of the artwork, since the paintings were produced by her own talented hands as she endured the unspeakable conditions that existed at the Auschwitz death camp;

Whereas the artwork is not available for the public to view at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum and therefore this unique and important body of work is essentially lost to history; and

Whereas this continued injustice can be righted through cooperation between agencies of the United States and Poland: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) recognizes the moral right of Dina Babbitt to obtain the artwork she created, and recognizes her courage in the face of the evils perpetrated by the Nazi command of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp, including the atrocities committed by Dr. Josef Mengele;

(2) urges the President to make all efforts necessary to retrieve the 7 watercolor portraits Dina Babbitt painted, while suffering a 1½-year-long internment at the Auschwitz death camp, and return them to her;

(3) urges the Secretary of State to make immediate diplomatic efforts to facilitate the transfer of the 7 original watercolors painted by Dina Babbitt from the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum to Dina Babbitt, their rightful owner;

(4) urges the Government of Poland to immediately facilitate the return to Dina Babbitt of the artwork painted by her that is now in the possession of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum; and

(5) urges the officials of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum to transfer the 7 original paintings to Dina Babbitt as expeditiously as possible.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a resolution regarding the artwork of a woman named Dina Babbitt. Mrs. Babbitt, who was born Dinah Gottliebowa, was an inmate at Auschwitz during the Holocaust. During her internment, she was forced by the notorious Dr. Joseph Mengele to paint pictures of doomed inmates. Because of her paintings, Ms. Babbitt and her mother were two of only 22 inmates who survived their internment at Auschwitz.

Seven of the paintings were found at Auschwitz after the camp was liberated and were sold to the Polish State Museum in Oswiecim. The museum contacted Mrs. Babbitt in 1973 to inform her that they had the pieces, but refused to relinquish them to her. She has been fighting with the museum since then to get her paintings back.

Mrs. Babbitt has a simple motivation for retrieving her paintings. The people in the portraits became her friends, and they perished in the gas chambers. The paintings are the only reminder she has of them and the internment camp, as she has said, "everything else was taken from me."

Mrs. Babbitt, who now resides in the United States, is in her late 70s. She has fought for too long to have these paintings returned. There is no doubt that she painted these works and has a moral right to have them in her possession. This resolution urges the President and the Secretary of State to work with the Polish government and the Auschwitz-Birkenau museum to see that the seven watercolors in question are returned to their rightful owner.

I hope that my colleagues will support his resolution.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 50—RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MAKE TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENSURING A VIABLE FUTURE FOR OUR PLANET

Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. CON. RES. 50

Whereas the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan was chosen by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (in this concurrent resolution referred to as the "ICLEI") to host the U.S. and Canadian Municipal Leaders Rio+10 Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations-sponsored 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (in this concurrent resolution referred to as the "2002 World Summit");

Whereas the ICLEI strives to build and serve a worldwide movement of local governments to achieve tangible improvements in global environmental and sustainable development conditions through cumulative local actions;

Whereas the goals of the 2002 World Summit are to generate momentum toward sustainable development and ensure a viable future for our planet;

Whereas the predecessor of the 2002 World Summit was the United Nations Conference

on Environment and Development, known as the Earth Summit;

Whereas local governments play a central role in the development of communities that respect ecological integrity, promote social well-being, and create economic vitality by developing and maintaining economic, social, and environmental infrastructures, overseeing local planning processes, establishing local environmental policies and regulations, and assisting in implementing national environmental policies;

Whereas the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan is a member of the ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection, an association of over 300 local governments from around the world dedicated to developing sustainable community-based solutions to local and global environmental problems;

Whereas the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan is a designated Department of Energy Clean City in recognition of the city's efforts to purchase alternative fuel vehicles, build alternative fuel infrastructure, and educate the community about the use of alternative fuel vehicles in order to enhance energy security and environmental quality;

Whereas the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan is a member of the Environmental Protection Agency's Green Lights Program and has retrofitted over 20 city buildings with energy efficient lighting;

Whereas the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan developed an innovative Municipal Energy Fund to improve the energy efficiency of city facilities and provide community demonstrations of energy saving and renewable energy technologies that result in environmental stewardship and fiscal responsibility;

Whereas the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan has an Energy Plan that reduces energy use and encourages renewable energy, a Solid Waste Plan that encourages recycling, composting, and source reduction, and a Transportation Plan that reduces traffic congestion and vehicle miles traveled through the implementation of mass transit and alternate transportation programs;

Whereas the Environmental Management Team of the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan has a comprehensive program addressing environmental cleanup, environmental restoration, park and greenway development, energy efficiency, transportation alternatives, parks, infill development, and waste water management;

Whereas the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan was chosen from among 35 cities in North America to host the ICLEI's U.S. and Canadian Municipal Leaders Rio+10 Preparatory Meeting;

Whereas the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan is 1 of 6 cities worldwide selected to host a preparatory meeting for the 2002 World Summit; and

Whereas the University of Michigan and the residents of the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan are committed to communitywide initiatives to support sustainable development: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress recognizes the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan and its residents for their dedication to building a community that respects ecological integrity, promotes social well-being, and creates economic vitality.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I and my colleague from Michigan, Senator STABENOW, are submitting a resolution recognizing the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan and its residents for their dedication to building a community that respects the environment, promotes social well-being and creates economic vitality. The City of Ann

Arbor is hosting the U.S. and Canadian Municipal Leaders Rio+10 Preparatory Meeting for United Nations-sponsored 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development. The 2002 World Summit marks the ten-year anniversary of the United Nation's Conference on Environment and Development, better known as the Earth Summit. The Earth Summit, held in 1992 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, built wide political and popular support for environmental protection and sustainable development. Local leaders from across the world will gather at the 2002 World Summit to assess progress and examine barriers to the implementation of the Rio agreements. The Summit and preparatory meetings will generate new momentum for and renew our commitment to ensuring a viable future for our planet.

In preparation for the 2002 World Summit, the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) is convening regional meetings to bring together local government leaders, technical experts and representatives of local government associations to evaluate local implementation of the Earth Summit's Agenda 21 and the Rio Conventions. The City of Ann Arbor was one of six cities worldwide chosen to host a preparatory meeting to assess opportunities and recommend strategies for accelerated action for sustainable development at the local level. Ann Arbor serves as a model for the important contributions that local governments make to sustainable development. Committed to protecting the environment while promoting social well-being and economic vitality, the city is purchasing alternative fuel vehicles, building alternative fuel infrastructure and educating residents about the use of alternative fuel vehicles in order to enhance energy security and environmental quality. The city is also developing an innovative Municipal Energy Fund to improve the energy efficiency of city facilities and provide community demonstrations of energy saving and renewable energy technologies that result in environmental stewardship and fiscal responsibility. For these reasons, the city is designated an ICLEI's City for Climate Protection and a Department of Energy Clean City. Protecting precious land resources and ensuring clean air and water for residents are also important priorities of the city. Ann Arbor has a comprehensive program addressing environmental clean-up and restoration, park and greenway development, energy efficiency, transportation alternatives, infill development and wastewater management.

I congratulate all the local leaders who will be attending the U.S. and Canadian Municipal Leaders Rio+10 Preparatory Meeting. Their cumulative local actions will improve our global environment. And, I commend the City of Ann Arbor, its residents and the University of Michigan for building a community that strives to protect our environment for future generations.

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I am proud to join my colleague from Michigan, Senator LEVIN, in submitting a resolution recognizing the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan and its residents for their dedication to building a community that respects ecological integrity, promotes social well-being, and creates economic vitality.

On June 20, 2001, the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan will be hosting the U.S. and Canadian Municipal Leaders Rio+10 Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations-sponsored 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development. The 2002 World Summit marks the ten-year anniversary of the 1992 Earth Summit, which helped build worldwide political and popular support for environmental protection and sustainable development. The 2002 World Summit will help assess the progress made since the Earth Summit, and renew our commitment to providing a bright future for our planet.

The City of Ann Arbor was chosen from among 35 cities in North America to host the U.S. and Canadian Municipal Leaders Rio+10 Preparatory Meeting, and is one of six cities worldwide selected to host a preparatory meeting for the 2002 World Summit. The preparatory meeting will bring together local government leaders, technical experts and representatives of local government associations to examine opportunities and recommend strategies for environmental protection and sustainable development at the local level.

The City of Ann Arbor has had numerous environmental accomplishments, and serves as a shining example of how local government can make tremendous contributions to solving local and global environmental problems. The City of Ann Arbor has developed an Energy Plan that reduces energy use and encourages renewable energy, a Solid Waste Plan that encourages recycling, composting, and source reduction, and a Transportation Plan that promotes mass transit and alternate transportation programs. Ann Arbor is also a Department of Energy Clean City, in recognition of its efforts to build alternative fuel infrastructure, purchase alternative fuel vehicles and educate the community about their uses. The city is also developing an innovative Municipal Energy Fund to improve the energy efficiency of city facilities and provide community demonstrations of energy saving and renewable energy technologies that result in environmental stewardship and fiscal responsibility. The City of Ann Arbor has made protecting the environment a community priority, and serves as a model of how local governments can play a critical role in sustainable development.

I congratulate the City of Ann Arbor for the honor of being chosen as one of six cities worldwide to host a preparatory meeting for the 2002 World Summit, and I congratulate all the local leaders who will be attending this

preparatory meeting to help solve our environmental problems. I also commend the city and its residents for building a community that works hard to protect the environment, while at the same time creating economic vitality and promoting social well-being.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 803. Mrs. BOXER proposed an amendment to amendment No. 562 submitted by Mrs. BOXER and intended to be proposed to the amendment No. 358 proposed by Mr. JEFFORDS to the bill (S. 1) to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

SA 804. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. GREGG) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 358 submitted by Mr. JEFFORDS and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1) supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 803. Mrs. BOXER proposed an amendment to amendment No. 562 submitted by Mrs. BOXER and intended to be proposed to the amendment No. 358 proposed by Mr. JEFFORDS to the bill (S. 1) to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted insert the following:

SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Equal Access to Public School Facilities Act."

SEC. 2. EQUAL ACCESS.

IN GENERAL.—No public elementary school, public secondary school, local educational agency, or State educational agency, may deny equal access or a fair opportunity to meet after school in a designated open forum to any youth group, including the Boy Scouts of America, based on that group's favorable or unfavorable position concerning sexual orientation.

SA 804. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. GREGG) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 358 submitted by Mr. JEFFORDS and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1) to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; as follows:

On page 18, line 14, strike " , provide " and all that follows through page 18, line 17, and insert "provide, on an equitable basis, such children special educational services or other benefits under such program, and provide their teachers and other education personnel serving such children training and professional development services under such program."

On page 19, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

"(A) subpart 2 of part B of title I;

On page 19, line 20, strike "(A)" and insert "(B)".

On page 19, line 21, strike "(B)" after "A".

On page 19, line 21, strike "(B)" and insert "(C)".

On page 19, line 22, strike "(C)" and insert "(D)".

On page 19, line 23, strike "(D)" and insert "(E)".

On page 69, line 18, strike the end quotation marks and the second period.

On page 69, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following: